

Senate Resolution 434

By: Senator Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base is the state-of-the-art home to the Atlantic  
3 Fleet's Trident II Submarines and borders the historic town of St. Marys, Georgia; and
- 4 WHEREAS, as an integral part of our nation's strategic deterrence program, Kings Bay has  
5 attained and sustained award-winning results unsurpassed by Navy Region Southeast or other  
6 submarine and shore commands in the United States Navy; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base has an economic impact of nearly  
8 \$1 billion and has created 23,000 total jobs, with 9,000 jobs on base and 13,600 jobs off  
9 base; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Kings Bay is home to half of all the nuclear ballistic submarines in America,  
11 with eight powered Ohio-class submarines being stationed there, six of which carry nuclear  
12 warheads and two of which carry conventional missiles; and
- 13 WHEREAS, in May, 1979, the United States Navy selected Kings Bay as its preferred east  
14 coast site for the new Ohio-class Trident submarines, and after a one-year environmental  
15 impact study was completed and with congressional approval, the Secretary of the Navy  
16 announced that Kings Bay would serve as the future home port for the new Trident-missile  
17 submarines in the Atlantic Ocean; and
- 18 WHEREAS, on January 15, 1989, the first Trident submarine, Tennessee, arrived at Kings  
19 Bay followed by Pennsylvania later that year, West Virginia in October, 1990, Kentucky in  
20 July, 1991, Maryland in June, 1992, Nebraska in July, 1993, Rhode Island in July, 1994,  
21 Maine in August, 1995, Wyoming in July, 1996, and Louisiana in September, 1997, giving  
22 Kings Bay its maximum number of ten Trident submarines; and

23 WHEREAS, the decision to base the Trident submarines at Kings Bay marked the beginning  
24 of the largest peacetime construction program ever undertaken by the United States Navy,  
25 and the building project included the construction of three Major Commands; and

26 WHEREAS, the Major Commands at Kings Bay include Submarine Group 10, which is the  
27 senior commander, Submarine Squadron 16, Submarine Squadron 20, the Naval Submarine  
28 Support Center, the Strategic Weapons Facility Atlantic, the Marine Corps Security Force  
29 Battalion, the United States Coast Guard Maritime Force Protection Unit, the Trident Refit  
30 Facility, and the Trident Training Facility; and

31 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding contributions of Kings  
32 Bay Naval Submarine Base be appropriately recognized.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
34 commend Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base for its defense of our country's freedoms and  
35 recognize its positive impact on the economy and culture of the State of Georgia.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
37 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Kings Bay Naval  
38 Submarine Base.